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Office Action Summary

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☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____

☐ This action is **FINAL**.

☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire three month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

☒ Claim(s) 1-23 is/are rejected.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

☒ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.

☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 6

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is responsive to communications: prior art, filed on 7/26/99.

This action is non-final.

2. Claims 1 - 23 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 7, 12, 17, and 23 are independent claims.

3. The present title of the invention is "Method and Apparatus for Selecting Attachments".

Drawings

4. Figures 2 and 3 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371© of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

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6. Claims 1 - 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Borman et al. (U.S. patent 5,890,172).

As per claim 1, Borman et al., hereinafter Borman, teach the following subject matter:
a browsing mechanism, with browser interface 400, at Figs. 5A - 5C, and col. 7, lines 52 - 53, configured to render a current data resource, i.e., a file retrieved by the browser, and to navigate through plural data resources, using the Back 412, Forward, and Home 414 buttons; and
an attachment mechanism, using jumper window 300, at Fig. 3, configured to retrieve an attachment from the browser in response to a user event, i.e., by a selecting a hot-link with a mouse, at col. 6, lines 55 - 60, the attachment associated with the current data resource, since the "hot-links are extracted from a file initially retrieved by the browser".

Borman teaches that the attachment comprises a resource locator [claim 2] at col. 7, lines 62 - 63, or source data [claim 3] associated with the current data resource at col. 13, lines 32 - 38. In addition, Borman inherently teaches selecting an attachment type [claim 4] at col. 13, lines 32 - 38, which describes different file types.

Furthermore, Borman teaches that the attachment mechanism comprises a button [claim 5] with refresh/update button 326, at Fig. 3, and col. 7, lines 17 - 19. As to claim 6, Borman teaches navigating to a first data resource, in browser window 406, using a resource locator, with hot-link 580, in a second data resource, in jumper window 300, all at Fig. 6.

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Regarding claims 7 - 11, they are similar to claims 1, 4, 2, 3, and 6. Claims 12 - 16 correspond respectively to claims 7 - 11; while claims 17 - 19, 21, and 23 correspond to claims 1 - 3, 6, and 1.

As per claim 20, the first part is similar to claim 4, while the second part is taught by Borman with site window 404, at col. 7, line 32, and at Fig. 5A, which allows a user to select the property value by entering the site location.

As to claim 22, Borman teaches the following:

a stack configured to contain resource locators of navigated data resources, with history creation process 712, at Fig. 7, and col. 9, lines 40 - 42; and

one or more methods configured to browse navigated data by stepping forward or backward within the stack, at col. 9, lines 43 - 56.

Conclusion

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Yohanán (U.S. patent 5,737,560) describes information access using a browser application by activating a desktop icon.

Cardinal et al. (U.S. patent 5,799,318) teach the organization and display of information from diverse computer resources.

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The patents to Kuzma (U.S. patent 5,771,355 and 5,781,901) and Beck et al. (U.S. patent 5,903,723) detail the transmission of e-mail attachments.

Responses

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew Kim, can be reached at (703) 305-3821.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3800.



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